

REMARKS

Claims 30-68 are presented for examination, of which Claims 30, 36, 37, 43, 44, 50, 51, 57 and 63 are in independent form. Claims 30, 37 and 44 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention.

In the June 1, 2006 Office Action, Claims 30-68 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious from United States Patent No. 6,445,460 (Pavley) in view of U.S. Patent 6,668,134 (Niikawa).

In response to those rejections, Applicant hereby incorporates by reference arguments made in the Response After Final Action filed August 31, 2006. In addition, to further distinguish the claims from the cited prior art, Applicant has amended Claim 30 to recite “an image transfer instruction unit, which is a button for instructing the image data transfer, adapted to enable a user to enter an instruction to transfer the image data” (emphasis added). Similar amendments have been made to corresponding method and storage medium Claims 37 and 44.

In view of the above amendments, as well as the remarks in the August 31, 2006 Amendment After Final Action and the arguments made during the September 19, 2006 telephonic interview, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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